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1. Names of more American prisoners of war at the camp on Yuyuen Road, Shanghai¹ are the following:

Fa-hsing (發興): Major, adviser to 30 Regiment, 9 Division.

K'o-lin-ssu (柯林斯): Air liaison officer, Chinese division (sic). 50X1-HUM

Pei-k'o (貝克): Captain, 29 Regiment.

Shih-lai-te (世榮得): Major.

Ta-erh-ti (大爾弟): Air Force Lieutenant.

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2. As of mid-July about 60 American prisoners of war were being held in the former villa of CH'EN Chi-t'ang at Plum Blossom Village in Canton. They were given two meals daily of the same food Chinese Communist soldiers receive and were being given daily political and ideological training. Their guards were drawn from the garrison regiment of 15 Army Group Command Headquarters.
3. The Chinese Communist 4 Field Army under the command of LIN Piao has selected a group of United Nations prisoners of war who can speak Mandarin or Cantonese and sent them to Canton.² About 128 such prisoners have arrived in Canton, including 13 Americans, 8 British, and 103 South Koreans. More than 40 were in the first group of arrivals, and the remainder came later in another group. The American and British prisoners are confined in the former USIS office in Shameen, Canton. They are restricted to the building, but are receiving

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good treatment. The South Koreans are not treated as well as the British and Americans. No official or unofficial information concerning the prisoners has been disclosed by the Chinese Communist authorities, but it is believed that they are to be used for propaganda purposes.

1. Comment.
American prisoners of war at #35, Lane 1136, Yuyuen Road, Shanghai.

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2. Comment. the use of Chinese-speaking United Nations' prisoners of war for street demonstrations in Canton. The field comments that it is unlikely that United Nations' prisoners could be used for propaganda purposes without reports of such activity appearing in the Chinese press. An officer of the Chinese Communist 15 Army Group, 4 Field Army, stationed at Shihch'i, reported there were no UN prisoners in Canton as of mid-July. However,

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 30 American prisoners of war entrained from Mukden for Hankow on 8 May 1951. The prisoners seen in Mukden were reported to be in good spirits and tidily dressed.

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